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Larry Phillips  
Metropolitan King County Council Chair  
King County Courthouse  
516 Third Ave., Room 1200  
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Dear Council Chair Phillips,

The newest revelations about errors in tabulating ballots in the King County Elections Office have instilled a new sense of urgency in the need to take action to reform the Elections office and rebuild the public's trust in the integrity of the elections process.

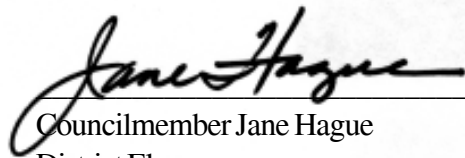
Toward this end, we urge you to schedule a hearing as soon as possible on the proposed charter amendment to establish a separately elected, non-partisan auditor to operate the Elections Office, ordinance 2005-0027. We believe that allowing the public to vote on this proposal will go a long way toward restoring public trust and confidence in the elections system. This ordinance, which was introduced Jan. 24, 2005, should be placed on the November 2005 general election ballot for the voters to determine how elections should be operated in King County.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to the public discussion of this critical issue.

Sincerely,



Councilmember Reagan Dunn  
District Six



Councilmember Jane Hague  
District Eleven



Councilmember Steve Hammond  
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Councilmember David Irons  
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